Service conditions in Security Agencies

2480. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the private security agencies mushrooming in the country exploiting the unemployed persons by employing them as security guards without any terms and condtions of service and paying them low salaries, besides keeping them outside the purview of the labour laws;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any review of the working of such private security agencies in the country; and

(c) if so, what is the outcome thereof and the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to safeguard the interests of those employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha in due course.

Captive Power Plant at Panipat and Bhatinda Fertilizer Plant

2481. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that BHEL has not been given the order to instal captive power plant at Panipat and Bhatinda fertiliser plant and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is also a fact that foreign companies have been assigned the task of installing these captive power plants and if so the reasons therefor; and

(c) the amount of foreign exchange involved therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRAHU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir; global tenders were invited by National Fertilizers Ltd. for two Nose Turbo-Generators and one No. Steam Generator for each of the captive power Plant at Bhatinda and Panipat units. BHEL also quoted against this global tender. Government, however, approved the placing of order for Steam Generator on M/s. Mitui Engineering & Ship Building Company, Japan and for Turbo Generators on M/s. Simmering Graz Pauker AG, Austria on the basis of lowest evaluated and technically acceptable bids as BHEL's offer was not competitive and also did not meet the time schedule required in the tender.

(c) The amount of foreign exchange involved is $ 17,21,53,000 and $ 25,77,311 582.

Import of Radioactivity exposed Farm Products

2482. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large quanties of farm products including milk products, vegetable oils, pulses etc. have been imported after chernobyl accident from the areas exposed to radioactivity;

(b) if so, the details of all the farm products imported from the 1st May, 1986 to till date, country-wise alongwith the quantity imported lot numbers and batch numbers; and

(c) whether all these items were tested batch-wise for Cs—137 and Sr. 90 for which Atomic Energy Regulatory Board has laid down standards and if so, the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of imports of farm products imported since 1st May, 1986 quantity-wise and country-wise are given below:

Farm Products	Country	Quantities (M. Ts.)
1. *Oil*		
(a) Soyabeen Oil	France	7,295
	Spain	32,655
(b) Rapeseed Oil	EEC	1,55,160
	France	28,895
	West Germany	1,07,135
	Poland	35,567
	Sewden	21,986
	Belgium	7,750
	Netherlands	23,705
2. Pulses	Turkey	31,950
3. Skim Milk Powder	European Countries	21,670
4. Butter oil	-Do-	2,376
5. Butter	-Do-	5,619

Note : Consignments consist of several lots/batches etc. received in bulk quantities.

(c) The suppliers of edible oils were required to certify through STC's independent surveillance companies of international repute that the radiation tolerance is within the relevant Regulation of European Commission.

For pulses, a certificate has been obtained from the Turkish Atomic Energy Authority which has certified that the goods have been inspected from the point of view of radiation, health and were found to be harmless to human consumption and the goods were free from raticativies as per EEC limits.

All the consignments of dairy products were tested and cleared by Bhaba Atomic Research Centre (BARC).

2483. [*Withdrawn*]

Package Proposal for Agriculturists in Drought Hit Areas

2484. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister have given a package of proposals for benefiting the agriculturists in the drought hit areas of the country;

(b) if so the estimated agricultural community likely to be benefited by the said proposals; and

(c) whether the loan relief announced by the Prime Minister would be extended to other States also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADV): (a) Prime Minister in his Inaugural speech in the 25th Conference of the Bharat Krishak Samaj referred to several concessions given to the farmers because of the drought/flood in the current year.

(b) The concessions are individual farmer oriented and such records are not maintain at the level of Government of India.

(c) The concessions are applicable in all States affected by drought/flood.

High retail prices of item sold by N.A.F.E.D.

2485. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the procurement price of various items procured by the N.A.F.E.D. during the last three years along with the quantity; itemwise;

(b) what are the handling charges itemwise, per quintal for the last three years;

(c) what was the price of the items sold to the consumers ptr quintals/Kg., itemwise;

(d) whether it is a fact that retail prices of items sold by the N.A.F.E.D. are higher than that in open market/super bazar; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?